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from Persian territory between Mohamara and Hamapin shall be turned back.

The council of health further decided at its sitting of January 12 as follows:

(1) In consideration of the fact that a thorough quarantine can not be carried out at Basra, all vessels having on board plague cases shall be turned back.

(2) Vessels arriving from Markat or Bahrein, or from any other Arabian port, shall be subject to the measures ordered in session of January 25.

(3) A provisional lazaretto is to be established at Faô.

(4) So soon as the above-named is in working order, the turning back of ships shall be discontinued.

SPAIN.—By royal order of January 14 quarantine is ordered for vessels arriving from Taipehfu (Formosa). All ports within a radius of 165 kilometers of Taipehfu are declared suspect.

MALTA.—By order of the local government, dated January 2, arrivals from all Indian ports are subject to two days' quarantine, reckoned from the day of arrival.

CHOLERA.

SPAIN.—By royal order of January 14 quarantine is ordered for arrivals from Yokohama. All ports within a radius of 165 kilometers shall be considered as suspect.

CUBA.

Smallpox and yellow fever in Cuban seaports.

Under date of February 1 the United States consul at Cardenas reports that during the week ended January 30 there were in that city 20 cases of yellow fever.

Under date of January 31 the United States consul at Sagua la Grande reports that during the week ended January 30 there were 7 cases and 1 death from yellow fever.

The United States sanitary inspector at Santiago de Cuba reports 2 deaths from yellow fever during the week ended January 6.

Under date of January 28 the United States consul at Matanzas reports 2 deaths from yellow fever during the week ended January 27.

EGYPT.

Precautions against importation of plague.

CAIRO, EGYPT, *January 15, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the Khedivial authorities have promptly taken in hand the matter of guarding against an extension to Egypt of the plague now raging in Bombay and other places in India.

Fearing that the scourge might be communicated through the medium of the annual pilgrimage of Musselmans to Mecca, the Egyptian authorities have adopted measures to control this year's pilgrimage from Egypt, by imposing rules of such stringency as to effect a practical prohibition.